

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for translating a decorative surface of an acoustic substrate to an edge of the finished acoustical product is provided. A portion of an acoustical substrate having a decorative surface on a first side is compressed to form a void having at least one adjacent region of compressed material having an increased density. The acoustical substrate is then manipulated to close the void and place at least a portion of the decorative surface on a side of the substrate. The manipulation of the acoustical substrate also places the region of compressed material at the edges of the acoustical substrate, thereby reinforcing the edges of the acoustical product. A decorative non-woven acoustic panel that has at least one peripheral edge with a density greater than the density of the main body is also provided.